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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Phase PCT Application of Aloys HÜTTERMANN et al.

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For:

Method for Reducing The Availability Of Heavy

Metal Nutrients And The Use Of Cross Linked

Poly(Meth)Acrylates In Said Method

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 BOX PCT

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

## In the Specification:

Page 1, before the first line insert the Title -- Method Of Reducing The Availability Of Heavy

Metals In Plants And The Use Of Cross Linked Poly(Meth)Acrylates In Said Method --;

Lines 2 and 3, delete "and the use of cross linked poly(meth)acrylates in said process";